

PUBLIC LEDGER

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ONE CENT.

KIND OLD SANTA CLAUS!

What "The Ledger's" Little Friends Want the Jolly Old Chap to Bring Them Christmas.



THE LEDGER has promised to be the mediator between its little friends and Santa Claus; and all communications sent to this office will find their way to the old fellow, and the wants of the little folks will be filled in due time. Some days we may be crowded for space; so do not get impatient if your letter is delayed a day or so, for it will be attended to as soon as possible.—EDITOR.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl, 15 years old my next birthday and I want you to please bring a small piano, a doll with golden curls, a little dish pan, a doll baby buggy, a pair of shoes, a writing desk and candles nuts and oranges.

I remain
Your loving little girl
Elva Baldwin.

Maysville Ky Dec. 25 1896.

Dear old Santa Claus I want you to bring me a wagon and two packages of shooting cracker and two sacks of candy and a new slate and I want Nornas ark and a sled and a train and 30 cents worth of marbles and a dime adze and a dime pencil box and a new black suit of clothes and 5 cents worth of led pencil and some peanuts and a little cap pistol.

Now I will clothes for this after noon.

Route D. Bateman.

Plumville Ky, Dec. 18 1896.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 6 years old you can easily find me I sleep up stairs in mothers room please bring me a knife and a toy pistol and some fire crackers, Oranges Bananas Candy and nuts and a lot of roman candles. I am your little boy
John Adam
Hotze.

Please dont forget my mother.

Plumville Ky, Dec 18 1896

Dear Santa Claus

I am a little girl 4 years old I sleep up stairs Cousin Louisa. you can easily find me please bring me a baby buggy and a little table, and my doll a new dress, and some caney Oranges Bananas and nuts. I will go to bed early and wont look. I am your little girl Tena Hotze. Please dont forget my Papa.

Plumville Ky, Dec 18 1896.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 8 years old I live near Plumville you can easily find me please bring me a toey pistol and a knife some candy oranges Bananas and nuts and a story Book and a lot of fire crackers and roman candles. I am your little boy I will go to bed early and shut my eyes I wont look indeed I wont
Lenie F Hotze.

please dont forget my little brother William McKinley Hotze Bring him some candy and A. B. C. Blocks.

Maysville Ky Dec 1896

Dear Santa Claus I am a little boy 6 years old. Please bring me a gun a can a drum and a horn and any thing else you want to bring me. I will go to bed early and close my eyes tight. Please dont forget to come. I live on Fifth street. My number is 330 and my name is Nicholas Driscoll.

It costs \$112,000 a year to light the city of Louisville.

Handkerchief Day Tuesday at Hoe-flich's; great bargains.

Colored citizens of Frankfort adopted strong resolutions of sympathy for Cuba.

Mrs. Kirby Trimble, nee Mattie Shipp of Winchester, died in Florida after being a bride a week.

The Maysville Assembly will entertain at the Neptune Hall Thursday evening, December 24th.

The American Federation of Labor has decided to remove its headquarters from Indianapolis to Washington.

Charles Warfield, colored, residing on Lawrence creek, died Friday night of fever and was buried yesterday.

Forty Sheriffs of the state have not settled in full. After January 1st, they must pay a penalty of 6 per cent.

Everybody ought to get a hustle on today if they want to get through with their work—it's the shortest day in the year.

Old Santa Claus, from his headquarters in the Frank Owens Hardware Co.'s window, telephones that it will snow before Christmas.

The L. and N. has issued an order that the firearms on the pay car must be thoroughly cleaned and inspected before each trip.

The bondsmen of J. J. Hetsch, Newport's defaulting Postmaster, have paid up the shortage in his accounts, amounting to \$5,102.20.

The Adams Express office will be moved back to its old quarters on Sutton street below Second with the beginning of the New Year.

An Indiana man in his application for divorce accuses his wife of taking money away from him and "setting 'em up" to the boys in the saloons.

Colonel George Griffin is a lucky dog. He drew first prize in Grant & Thomas's Shoe Club Saturday night—getting a pair of \$7 shoes for a helluf a dollar.

The Covington Stone and Marble Company has just been notified that it has won the contract for the building of the Wayne County Courthouse at Detroit, Mich. The price is \$637,000.

The total number cared for at all the Soldiers' Homes, National and State, last year was 40,448, an increase of 2,905 over the previous year. The seven National Homes had about 23,000 members.

In the United States Court at Covington the motion for a new trial in the case of the United States against ex Postmaster Hardeman, for the recovery of \$619 alleged to have been misappropriated, was overruled.

All the counties in Indiana will, through their County Commissioners, make appropriations for cottages at the State Soldiers' Home in Lafayette. Some have already appropriated sums of from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for suitable structures.

A lady was overheard to say in the streetcar this morning that she had been everywhere, and that she had found at the Frank Owens Hardware Co. the handsomest Carving Sets she had seen anywhere. She had bought a set for a Christmas present to papa, and she was sure he would be delighted with it.

On Saturday Governor Bradley received and was compelled to decline three invitations to make speeches on notable occasions. One was from the Michigan Club of Detroit, soon to hold one of its famous annual meetings. The others were from the Hamilton Club of New York and the Marquette Club of Chicago.

Building Association Receipts.
The receipts of the several Building Associations of this city Saturday night were as follows:

Mason County.....	\$ 885.95
Limestone.....	1,284.15
People's.....	237.85
Total.....	\$2,407.95

Attention, Knights Templar.
Maysville Commandery No. 10, K. T., will meet in special convolve Tuesday evening, December 32d, at 7 o'clock sharp. The Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar will be conferred. The Order will be conferred by Most Eminent Grand Master Warren LaRue Thomas. A full attendance is desired. Visiting fraters courteously invited.

J. H. SALLER, E. C.
A. H. Thompson, Recorder.

HORRIBLE CUTTING!
It Occurred on West Second Street Early This Morning.

A difficulty that has existed for some time between Hardware Prices and Hard Times terminated this morning in a severe cutting. The articles used in this cutting and slashing were Pocket Knives, Carving Sets, Brass Fire Sets, Coal Vases—and everything handy in the way of Christmas Presents.

FRANK OWENS HARDWARE CO.

Green R. Keller of The Carlisle Mercury announces that he is not and will not be a candidate for Clerk of the Court of Appeals.

The First National Bank of Hollidaysburg, Pa., one of the original fifty-seven National Banks of the United States, suspended business.

The death rate among the convicts in the Alabama State Prison at Birmingham has been running at the rate of 100 to the 1,000 per annum.

The gross earnings of the L. and N. for the second week in December were \$437,700, a decrease of \$3,695 from 1895, an increase of \$21,665 over 1894, of \$39,660 over 1893, but a loss of \$32,355 as compared with 1892.

The first shipment over the new Brookville and Welleburg Railroad was made a few days ago. It consisted of four hogheads of tobacco, which were hauled five miles by wagon to the place where the railroad has been completed to. It is thought that trains will be running to Brookville by January 1st.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. James Wood, Druggist.

TURNPIKE TAXATION.

One Citizen Makes a Good Suggestion Along One Line.

We clip the following from a recent issue of The Bulletin:

TURNPIKE TAXATION—A SUGGESTION.
To the Editor of The Bulletin: In view of the universal protest against oppressive taxation for turnpike purposes, permit a modest taxpayer to suggest that the county should, as soon as possible, issue long bonds at low rates of interest, purchase the principal turnpike roads leading from the city, lower the rates of toll to a point that will encourage travel, meet the interest on the bonds with the receipts from the gates, and, in the same way at the earliest practicable period, extinguish the principal of the debt. The debt being paid we should establish such rates of toll as will be sufficient to meet all necessary expenses and keep the roads in proper condition for travel. Would this not be a perfectly equitable and satisfactory solution of a vexed question? Not only would the burden be less, but the beneficiary would pay the tax. We should then have no more complaints of heavy taxes and high tolls.

The suggestion of "A Citizen" is a good one—if the people desire a perpetuation of the toll system in any shape; but THE LEDGER's plan is to purchase all the pikes at an agreed price, issue long-term low-interest bonds in payment, and give the whole people the freedom of the highways at a small cost to all.

EXPERT STUPIDITY.

Criticisms By a Critic Whose Criticism Is Critically Critical.

"The clever" composer of The Flemingsburg Times-Democrat who essayed THE LEDGER's diagram of the recent catastrophe at Lexington street would have succeeded passably well—if he hadn't "stood on his head" while setting the types. He got the whole shooting match kindside where the frontside ought to have been, as it were. It isn't as easy as it looks to make a diagram with rules and types and have it show up right in print."—Public Ledger.

The building of the Hall Plow Company that stands so close to the railroad is on the Northeast corner of Third and Lexington streets, just as The T.-D.'s diagram has it. THE LEDGER's diagram had the building on the Southwest corner. The train stopped West of Lexington street as The T.-D. represents it. Now who "stood on his head" while setting the types?—Bulletin.

Well, isn't that enough to make the man in the moon laugh? Just think of THE LEDGER's poor composer being criticised by Br'er Marsh, who doesn't know a twelve-tapica rule from a ten-point two-em quad! THE LEDGER repeats—its diagram was, is, and will continue to be, absolutely correct, and The T.-D.'s simply reverses the whole scene.

It isn't necessary—it's not done once in ten thousand times—to give the points of the compass in making a local diagram; what is needed is to follow your subject to the spot where it culminates by the route taken by the actors, and then illustrate the surroundings just as they are approached, so that your readers may follow you to an understanding.

These unfortunate young men were driving South; the text of our article made it plain that the train was coming from the East; and everybody—with the exception of our able critic—understood the diagram and pronounced it faithfully true.

Hereafter, when we print the picture of a Cow it will be necessary to put under it a sign "This is a Mule," or Br'er Marsh will be likely to mistake it for a Turkey.

Bright Things
for Bright People.

Diamonds, for Instance.

We are showing for the Holidays some very beautiful things in this line,—Diamond Pendants, Ear Rings, Rings for the fingers set with many gem combinations, Solitaire Rings,—all sizes at astonishingly low prices.

Will you call and see them?

BALLENGER, Jeweler.

Fresh Bulk and Can Oysters received daily at Martin Bros.

Don't fail to see Henry W. Ray's stock of Xmas goods; also a complete line of fancy and toilet articles.

Mr. George C. Williams is said to have the finest crop of tobacco in Mason county, almost ready for the market.

Many of the employees of the Illinois Central Railroad are availing themselves of the Company's offer to sell them stock on the installment plan.

A bill introduced by Representative Bull of Rhode Island appropriates \$50,000 for the erection of a monumental statue to James G. Blaine in Washington.

A decision of the Missouri Supreme Court in effect declares the laws prohibiting pool rooms unconstitutional, and there will be a general reopening of the rooms at St. Louis.

J. P. Nelson of Mt. Sterling is an applicant for the position of Pension Agent of Kentucky. He has been indorsed for the place by several G. A. R. Posts. There are about twenty applicants for this position.

Diamond Rings, Eardrops, Pendants, Scarf Pins, Lace Pins make an acceptable Xmas present, and having a large stock of them I have made the greatest cut on these goods that has ever been made. Call and see them. P. J. Murphy, the Jeweler.

Buy your Xmas presents at home is the way to make times better. Let us show you our stock of cut and pressed glass bottles, pocket-books, combs and brushes, perfumes, toilet water, etc.

THOMAS J. CHENOWETH, Druggist.

Dr. E. A. Hoffman, a wealthy New York man, has sent the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., a check for \$35,000, and has donated property at Bridgeport, Ala., valued at \$15,000, to the institution. He promised to make the gifts in case of McKinley's election.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hiatt attended the Police Court Saturday. Mrs. H. had said some un-Sunday school things to Mr. H., and Mr. H. had caressed Mrs. H. with his fists and his teeth. And for these tender demonstrations each was charged \$5 and costs. And they are in Jail.

Given Away! Given Away!
Today and Monday we will present to each purchaser of a Lamp 1,000 Matches, enough to light till Christmas, 1897.

LOVEL'S Holiday Special.

When other people were talking politics and prophesying that the country was going to ruin, I was quietly taking in the bargains that were being offered, and as a consequence the late advance in prices of many articles has found my house loaded with

The Largest, Cleanest and Most Complete Stock in my line ever Offered to the People of our City

and vicinity, bought for cash at rock bottom prices. Therefore, I am in condition to offer inducements in every article with no fear of successful competition. It is impossible for me to give prices on every article I handle. This paper would not hold the list. It is sufficient to say that I cannot be undersold by anyone, and that I allow no one to handle better goods than I do. To the young folks I give a few prices:

4 lb best New York Mixed Candy.....	25c.	4 lb best Gum Drops.....	25c.
4 lb best Cincinnati Mixed Candy.....	25c.	1 lb best New Mixed Nuts.....	10c.
4 lb best Phoenix Mixed Candy.....	25c.		
4 lb best Home-Made Mixed Candy.....	25c.		
4 lb best Pure Stock Candy.....	25c.		

And for the boys I have a
SPECIAL IN FIREWORKS
1 pack Firecrackers.....2c.
6 ball Roman Candles.....1c. each
8 ball Roman Candles.....2c. each
10 ball Roman Candles.....3c. each
12 ball Roman Candles.....4c. each
20 ball Roman Candles.....5c. each

In addition my stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries, Canned Goods, &c., &c., is large, new, full and complete, and at prices that cannot be successfully met. My house is also headquarters for Poultry, Game, Oysters, Celery, Cranberries, Apples, Oranges, Lemons, Bananas, Figs, Raisins, Dates, Citrons, Currants and all kinds of Fruits, Buckwheat Flour, Pancake Flour, Whole Wheat Flour, Graham Flour, Pure Maple Syrup, New Crop Molasses, &c., &c., in fact, everything good to eat and of the very best. And don't forget that Perfection Flour is the best and that my Blended Coffee has no equal. I run two wagons regular, and will deliver all goods sold promptly. Come in and make my house your headquarters; you are always welcome.

R. B. LOVEL,
THE LEADING GROCER.